(iii) Ascertaining soundness and safety of the remaining structures.

(g) Recommend attributability of blame for lapses and collapse of the wall.

The Board of Inquiry is expected to submit its report by the end of August 2000. Further action in the matter will be taken in the light of the findings and recommendations of the Board of Inquiry.

Shifting of Defence Installation from Tamil Nadu

1117. SHRI P. SOUNDARARAJAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of defence installations in Tamil Nadu alongwith their locations and strength unit-wise;

(b) the area of defence lands lying unused around those installations location-wise;

(c) whether Government have any plan to shift any of these installations at Tamil Nadu to other States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) The number of defence installations in Tamil Nadu is 114. It is not in public interest to give details regarding their locations and unit-wise strength.

(b) No area of defence land is lying unused around these installations.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Jail to Police Officers for over acts during anti-terrorist operations

1118. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many Police Officers are in jail alleged over acts during the anti terrorists operations; and

(b) what are their names, ranks, dates, since when in prison, offences alleged, the courts under whose orders being prosecuted and the stage of each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Protest Rally in Srinagar

1119. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item appeared in the 'Kashmir Times' dated the 30th May, 2000 captioned "Rally in Srinagar to protest against blanket ban on fresh recruitments";

(b) if so, whether any Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed by the State Government and Centre under which the fresh recruitments were banned; and

(c) if so, the factors for putting the ban on fresh recruitment with details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) The National Development Council in its meeting held on 19th February, 1999 had discussed the financial difficulties faced by several State Governments, arising among other, from pay hikes granted by the State Governments to their employees. In the meeting, it was decided that the Union Finance Minister would discuss with group of representative States, the financial diffculties and the medium-term fiscal strategy to be undertaken by them. Accordingly, the Ministry of Finance, in consultation with some representative States, decided that there was a need for joint effort to evolve a strategy to address fiscal issues/problems confronting States. This strategy resulted in a package of financial assistance provided by the Centre linked to appropriate time-bound programme of medium-term fiscal reform to be undertaken by the concerned States. As part of this fiscal strategy a Memorandum of understanding was signed between the State Government of J and K and the Central Government in which one of the conditions is not filling up posts becoming available in consequence of retirement on superannuation as well as vacancies arising in public sector undertakings, except for essential